Town of Concord

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Gross Floor Area and Floor Area Ratio

Calculations Worksheet

Reference Zoning Bylaw Section 6.2.13 Maximum Floor Area Ratio & 7.1.5 Non-conforming Structures

Existing house measurement includes all areas with 6'8" headroom or greater excluding basements, open or screened porches, and decks.

Extension of a structure by more than fifty percent (50%) is based on the aggregate of all expansions undertaken within a consecutive five(5) year period.

All measurements are taken from the outside corners of exterior walls

A Special Permit is required if your allowed GFA allowed exceeds your allowable FAR

PROPOSED WORK MUST MEET ALL DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS SPECIFIED BY THE TOWN OF CONCORD ZONING BYLAWS

1 Property Information	
Address: 399 Lowell Road	Parcel ID #: 1673
Zoning District: RA	Total Land Area: 4.37 acres
Property is Non-conforming by (circle all that apply): Frontage/Area/Setbacks	
2 Existing GFA (6'8" headroom or greater)	3 Proposed GFA (6'8" headroom or greater)
1 st Floor Area: 2225	1st Floor Area: 360 SF
2 nd Floor Area: 355	2 nd Floor Area: 629 SF
Attic Area: N/A	Attic Area: N/A
Enclosed Porch: N/A	Enclosed Porch: N/A
Attached Garage: 22 x 26'-5" = 580	Attached Garage: N/A
Detached Garage:	Detached Garage: N/A
Other	Other:
Total Existing GFA: 3160	Total Proposed GFA: 989 SF

4 | ZBL Section 7.1.5 (Non-Conforming Structure - Gross Floor Area 50% greater than existing)

Calculate the following:

1.) Total Existing House GFA $_{2}$ 3160 x .5 = 1580 Add these two numbers together = 4740

This is your maximum gross floor area allowed by right without a Special Permit.

2.) Does your proposed project exceed the 50% allowed by right? Yes or No No.

If yes, a Special Permit is required.

3.) To determine what the percentage of the proposed addition that is over the 50% allowed by right, divide the sq. ft. of the proposed addition by the sq. ft. of the existing home.

EXAMPLE: (proposed sf) $1400 \div$ (existing sf) 1600 = .88 (or 88%) -50 = 38% (over the 50% allowed by right)

Proposed Addition GFA SF 989 ÷ Existing GFA SF 3160 = .313 - 50 = -.19% (under 50% allowed by right)

5 ZBA Section 6.2.13 (Maximum Floor Area Ratio Allowed)

Calculate the following:

1200 ÷ (lot size) 190,257 = .0063+.24 = .2463 x (lot size) 190,257 = 46,860 MAX FAR Allowed

6 Building Inspections Division Review Measurements and Calculations Prepared by: Julia Miner AIA NCARB Date: Oct 30, 2022 Building Inspector Reviewed and Approved by: Date: